



## Assessment of observed changes and responses in natural and managed systems

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### Abstract:

The aim of this chapter is to assess studies of observed changes in natural and managed systems related to recent regional climate change, particularly temperature rise in recent decades, and to assess the aggregate changes in regard to potential influence by anthropogenic increase in greenhouse gas concentrations. Temperature rise is selected as the major climate variable because it has a strong and widespread documented signal in recent decades, demonstrates an anthropogenic signal, and has an important influence on many physical and biological processes. Effects of changes in other climate variables related to temperature rise, such as sea-level rise and changes in runoff due to earlier snow melt, are also considered.

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### Resource Description

#### Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Air Pollution, Ecosystem Changes, Food/Water Quality, Food/Water Security, Food/Water Security

**Air Pollution:** Allergens, Dust

**Food/Water Quality:** Pathogen

**Food/Water Security:** Agricultural Productivity

#### Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

Freshwater, Ocean/Coastal

#### Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

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Global or Unspecified

## **Health Impact:**

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Infectious Disease, Injury, Respiratory Effect

**Infectious Disease:** Foodborne/Waterborne Disease, Vectorborne Disease

**Respiratory Effect:** Asthma

## **Mitigation/Adaptation:**

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

**Population of Concern:** A focus of content

## **Population of Concern:**

populations at particular risk or vulnerability to climate change impacts

Children, Elderly, Low Socioeconomic Status, Racial/Ethnic Subgroup

**Other Racial/Ethnic Subgroup:** Indigenous people

## **Resource Type:**

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

## **Timescale:**

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified

## **Vulnerability/Impact Assessment:**

resource focus on process of identifying, quantifying, and prioritizing vulnerabilities in a system

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